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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to recognise Indian Languages as medium of instructions in place of English in teaching as well as for examinations; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b): Suggestions for using mother tongue/Indian languages as medium of instruction are received from time to time. As stipulated by National Policy on Education1986, in the existing National curriculum for Elementary and Secondary Education brought out in 1988 it has been mentioned that medium of instruction at primary level should preferably be mother tongue. In case of the students whose mother tongue is regional language, the medium of instruction at the elementary and secondary stages should be regional language. In case of those whose mother tongue is different from the regional languages, the mother tongue may be used as a medium during the first two years of primary education and the regional language should be used subsequently. The Government is reviewing the implementation of the National Policyfor using Indian Languages as medium of instructions in place of English,in schools.